LCGCC Recommendations submitted by Dee Eggers (GHG Emission Reduction Goal, Baseline, and Sequestration Potential) - February 5, 2010

GHG Emission Reduction Goal, Baseline, and Sequestration Potential

- 1. We encourage the state to adopt a goal of reducing GHG emissions 80% below 1990 levels by 2050.
- 2. We suggest relevant agencies establish 1990 baseline emissions data from major GHG emission sources including but not limited to energy generation, industry, highway vehicles, agriculture, and landfills.
- 3. We strongly encourage state and local government plans to reduce direct and indirect GHG emissions from all major sources including energy generation, industry, highway vehicles, agriculture, and landfills.
- 4. To prepare North Carolina to economically benefit from the carbon offset market, we further encourage state-wide assessment of existing carbon sequestration and potential carbon sequestration opportunities within the state to include standing forest resources, use of forestry products in durable items, soils, micro algae-based fuels, geological and other opportunities
- 5. We also encourage the state to cooperate in striving to achieve a global atmospheric concentration of 350 ppm carbon dioxide equivalent as a target in all planning activities to better prepare the people of North Carolina to compete economically, as well as mitigate and adapt to the effects of climate change.